

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 23 (Canceled)

24. (Original) An organic waste storage lagoon basin cover comprising:  
a plurality of connected panels of interconnected multiple layers;  
each panel having a top sacrificial layer to shield the cover from ultraviolet light degradation;  
each panel having a foam layer comprised of a plurality of parallel, spaced apart foam strips; and  
each panel having a layer of geotextile fabric.
25. (Original) The cover of Claim 24 wherein:  
the various layers are interconnected by needle punching.
26. (Original) The cover of Claim 24 wherein:  
the foam layer is located between the sacrificial layer and the geotextile fabric layer.
27. (Original) The cover of Claim 26 wherein:  
the sacrificial layer is also formed of a geotextile fabric.
28. (Original) The cover of Claim 24 wherein:  
the geotextile layer is located between the sacrificial layer and the foam layer.
29. (New) A multiple layered organic waste storage lagoon basin cover comprising:  
a first layer located on top and comprised as a sacrificial layer for shielding from ultraviolet light degradation;

a second layer beneath the first layer and attached to it;  
a third layer beneath the second layer and attached to it;  
one of said second and third layers being a flotation foam layer;  
the other of said second and third layers being a geotextile material.

30. (New) The lagoon cover of claim 29 wherein:

said first, second and third layers are divided into cover panels.

31. (New) The lagoon cover of claim 29 wherein:

said flotation foam layer is comprised of a plurality of parallel spaced apart foam strips.

32. (New) The lagoon cover of claim 31 wherein:

the foam layer is the second layer.

33. (New) The lagoon cover of claim 31 wherein:

the foam layer is the third layer.

34. (New) The lagoon cover of claim 31 wherein:

the first layer is formed of a geotextile material.

35. (New) A covered organic waste storage lagoon comprising:

an organic slurry basin containing a quantity of organic slurry;

a cover disposed over the basin and floating on top of the slurry;

said cover having a first layer located on top and comprised as a sacrificial layer for shielding from ultraviolet light degradation;

a second layer beneath the first layer and attached to it;

a third layer beneath the second layer and attached to it;

one of said second and third layers being a flotation foam layer;

the other of said second and third layers being a geotextile material.

36. (New) The organic waste storage lagoon of claim 35 including:

a plurality of tether lines connected to the edges of the cover for connecting the cover to anchors located on a perimeter surrounding the basin.

37. (New) The organic waste storage lagoon of claim 35 wherein:

said flotation foam layer is comprised of a plurality of parallel spaced apart foam strips.

38. (New) The organic waste storage lagoon of claim 35 including:

an earthen berm surrounding the basin;

a trench formed in the berm;

edges of said cover located in the trench and held therein by fill material in the trench.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience by telephone to advance prosecution of the application in any manner possible.

Very truly yours,

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